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SUBJ: NIGER RIVER NAVIGATION

1. NIGER RIVER TRAFFIC OFFICIALLY BEGAN ON AUGUST 14 WITH THE SAILING OF THE PASSENGER SHIP "GENERAL SOUMARE" FROM KOULIKORO TO GAO. BESIDES PASSENGERS, THE GENERAL SOUMARE CARRIED MIXED FREIGHT INCLUDING GRAIN AND MEDICINES. MALIAN RIVER NAVIGATION COMPANY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE BOAT WILL PROCEED TO GAO WITHOUT INCIDENT ALTHOUGH THEY CONCEDE THAT IT MAY HAVE TO WAIT AT MOPTI FOR THE WATER LEVEL TO RISE.

2. RIVER NAVIGATION OFFICIALS ALSO STATED THAT LIGHT BARGE TRAFFIC TO THE VI REGION WILL BEGIN TOMORROW WITH A 100 TON CAPACITY BARGE LEAVING KOULIKORO FOR GAO. HEAVY BARGE GRAIN CONVOYS, WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 3000 TONS, ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 3 WEEKS. THE NAVIGATION COMPANY PLANS TO SHIP 48,000 TONS OF GRAIN THIS YEAR MOSTLY TO THE VI REGION.  
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